

REMARKS

This application is a national stage filing under 35 USC §371 of PCT application no. PCT/EP03/50034 filed February 27, 2003 which claims priority to provisional patent application no. 60/373,671 filed April 18, 2002 and EP application EP02100205.0 filed Feb. 28, 2002.

Claims 1-9 and 10-15 are pending. Claims 1-9 have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 10 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 11-15 have been added.

The specification has been amended.

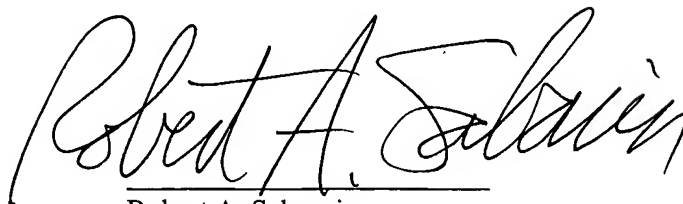
No new subject matter has been added to the application.

This national application is filed with an Information Disclosure Statement, references, a copy of the international application publication no. WO 03/075148 A2 and the international search report.

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In view of the foregoing Amendments, this Application is in condition for examination. Should questions arise during examination, Examiner is requested to contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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